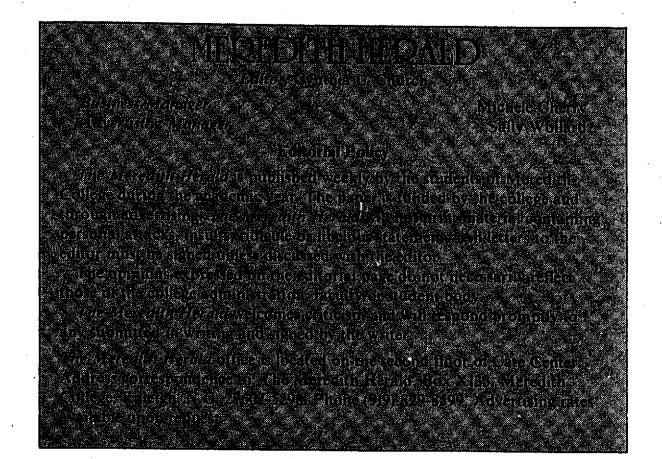
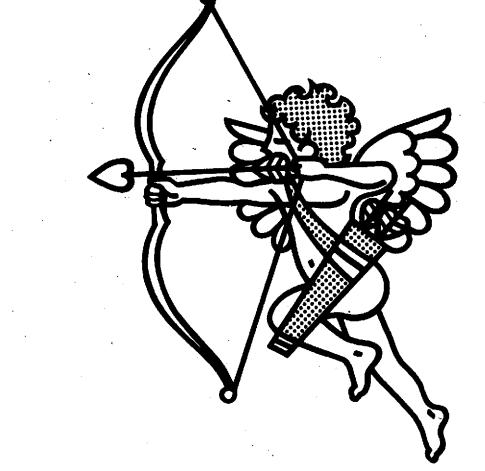
EDITORIAL





Career Services helps keep unemployment rates down with your help

The real world we always hear about is just around the corner for May graduates. Suddenly all the fears we have builtup inside for four years are being released. We can no longer pull the ol' Scarlett O'Hara routine and say we'll think about it tomorrow because we have to think about getting a job today — now.

I have no earthly idea what I'll end up doing after graduation. I have a lot of good ideas; however, ideas don't pay a good salary unless you're in a think tank doing something along those lines. But instead of my sitting around and wondering what to do, I recalled an old journalistic term and followed its advice: When in doubt, check it out.

Meredith's Department of Career Services is located on the first floor of Cate Center and provides all students not only with on-campus interviews, but also with sincere help. Just the other day I took advantage of SIGI, the computerized selfanalysis/job search guide. After using it I realized that I was qualified to work in more areas than I had anticipated. SIGI helped me confront my dilemma of not knowing what I'm going to do and pointed me in the right directions. The computer is only here on a trial basis, and is leaving February 15, so if you want to get the inside scoop on what you're capable of doing for the rest of your life, go on down there. Ginny Leach, a student worker, helps you with the computer and does answer the questions you may have.

But, SIGI isn't the only way Career Services helps students. The staff conducts workshops on interviewing, and writing resumes. The next one is coming up February 12, so mark your calendar. But, if you can't make the seminars, have no fear because the staff is willing to work with you on an individual basis. All you need to do is set up an appointment and Mary Anna Newman, Beth Taylor or Marie Capel will discuss your career plans or help you make some choices. Now before you quit reading Freshmen and Sophomores, there's something in this for you. Deciding what your major should be is a difficult decision, too, and they are wanting to work with you to make sure you pick the major that will best suit your career needs. It's time you start funneling your thoughts in the area of future jobs because if you know what you'd like to do upon graduation, the members of Career Services can help you get a summer internship. That job experience will pay off in the long run. Jean Jackson in the English Department can also assist you in this area.

The individual attention they give you will help you get an inside track on how to go about doing things the right way. Whether it's filling out a card to put on file, learning to write a resume or how to conduct yourself on an interview, Career Services is there.

The department puts out three publications for students to make sure we are informed on what's going on out there. The Career Connection comes out every other month and the Recruiting Bulletin and the Job Journal both come out every other week. Outside their office is 'Business Careers' magazine that gives information on the job market and features certain jobs giving their hiring/success outlook. All of these publications are free and provide necessary information that will benefit all students. If you are serious about finding a job or deciding what you want to get out of your education so you can get a job that best suits you, go see the team in Career Services. The only thing you've got to lose is the time you would spend after graduation trying to find a job. Why not find out now? They're willing to help you make the right choice for your life.

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